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LOCAL BREVITIES.

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Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

Now is the time to pay your city taxes.

State and county taxes are now due and the collector's books are open.

Punta Gorda has more children and dogs than any other town of its size in Florida.

The fishing business re-opened Wednesday with a rush. Car loads are being shipped daily.

Miss Parker, a charming young lady of Boca Grande, is stopping at the Dade.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lamar, of Arcadia, spent several days here this week.

The very finest Florida syrup at Jas. A. Newsome's.

Agent Booth of the Plant System, who has been quite sick for some weeks, is getting better.

The schooner Lily White returned yesterday from Key West for another load of cattle.

Big lot of seed Irish potatoes just arrived at Jas. A. Newsome's.

F. M. Cooper and S. H. Connannon went up to Tampa Tuesday on business and recreation.

Mrs. Elvira Clarkson and Mrs. Alma Patton, of Seaside, Ill., are visiting E. J. Baughman and family in Solana.

Contractors and all others can get low prices on paints, oils and varnishes at Jas. A. Newsome's.

Chester Blount visited Bartow Tuesday—that is, he visited somebody in Bartow. May he have great success.

Col. Jno. H. Hancock, Fort Ogden's able lawyer, being in town on business last Friday, paid THE HERALD a pleasant call.

Dr. W. W. Fosse, one of the oldest citizens of this county, died on the 5th of his home near Arcadia and was buried next day at Oak Ridge.

The schooner "Lily White" loaded here Monday with 150 head of cattle shipped by Mr. W. H. Towles to Key West.

The Wauchula Masons are going to buy a lot and build a lodge of their own. That's what the Punta Gorda lodge did long ago.

Mr. and Mrs. P. W. McAdow went up the bay in their launch Tuesday to inspect their orange grove. They returned the same evening.

Mr. T. O. E. Jameson has bought the Johnson cottage, next to the Baptist church and will occupy it as a residence. His own house in which he lives is for rent.

Capt. Samuel A. Smoke of Pine Level, has been here twice during the week, stopping at the Dade. He will soon go to Lincoln, Nebraska, to stay until summer.

Hon. Clark D. Knapp, one of the best citizens of this county, died at his home in Avon Park on the 4th. He was universally esteemed and will be greatly missed.

In the minutes of the last meeting of the county commissioners we find that the board refused the "bill of Sheriff Fielder for servant and horse hire from beginning of his term of office to date."

Paints, oils and varnishes at Jas. A. Newsome's.

H. M. Carleton and wife, prominent and wealthy people of Greenville Junction, Maine, are daily expected here to visit J. L. Sandlin and family and to look after their valuable grove property on Pineapple creek.

The famous Diamond Paints at Jas. A. Newsome's.

Col. T. J. Pepper, who keeps the Arcadia book store, has laid in a large supply of school books which he offers at prices given elsewhere in these columns. He will fill orders promptly. Read his list in this paper and send him your orders.

Lots of good looking Punta Gorda folks are attending the special term of the circuit court in Arcadia this week. Amongst them are Cois. Trabue and Spencer, who are there as lawyers, and others who are witnesses and jurors.

Orange trees were not injured by the recent cold weather. They were dormant and when in that condition can stand almost zero temperature. Pineapples, guava bushes and other tender vegetation in this locality escaped injury.

Hon. A. E. Pooser, of Arcadia, county judge, was a welcome caller in this office last Saturday. He came down on a short visit of recreation, and was accompanied by his daughter Mrs. W. E. Robertson, and his niece, Miss Fannie R. Bunker. Mrs. Robertson brought her bright little daughter, Alma. The party returned to Arcadia Sunday evening.

Death of a Child.

Fred Myers, age one year and five months, the bright little son of Col. and Mrs. Howard J. Spence, died suddenly of congestion of the bowels at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. His father was attending court in Arcadia and was summoned home by wire. The funeral services took place in the Episcopal church yesterday afternoon and were conducted by Rev. T. J. Purdue.

Fred was a handsome and most amiable little fellow and his loss is keenly felt by his parents. They have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends in their sad bereavement. Their only consolation is that their dear little boy has gone to Him who said "Suffer little children to come unto me."

Protracted Meeting.

The evangelistic meetings begun in the Presbyterian church last Sunday night by Dr. Guarrant have awakened much interest and are already producing gratifying results. The doctor is a forceful, convincing and very entertaining speaker, and everybody should hear him.

The meeting will continue until otherwise announced with daily services at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Services at these hours Sunday. Dr. Guarrant will preach to the high school pupils at 2 p.m. today.

Meeting Postponed.

Owing to the report of there being a case or two of scarlet fever in Arcadia, the meeting of the County Teacher's Association, advertised to begin here today, has been postponed sine die.

Four huge boilers, a car load of smoke stacks and furnace doors, several car loads of freezing plates and as many more of lumber and other material have been unloaded at the works of the Consolidated Ice and Fish Freezing Co. A second switch has been put in and a railway track laid along the east side of the building running toward the bay. Tons of machinery and additional building material are daily expected; and as soon as these arrive, a large force of hands will be put to work installing the plant and erecting the boiler house and other buildings.

The ten room dwelling near the ice factory, advertised for rent or sale, was rented this week to Mr. W. M. Whitten, of South Bend Indiana, who, with his family, is expected down next week to occupy it. Mr. Whitten, as is known, is the owner of a big pinery and a valuable tract of land just east of town, and his bringing his family here to live will be hailed with pleasure by all.

There was a delightful progressive whist party at the Punta Gorda Wednesday night, in which Mrs. P. W. McAdow won the ladies' first prize. For the gentlemen's prize, Mr. Edgar, of New York, tied with Gen. Gilchrist, and the tie was decided by a cut and the prize given to Mrs. Francis of Brookline, Mass., who won the ladies second prize. The ladies' trophy prize was won by a Savannah belle, the gentleman's by Capt. C. A. Smoke.

Mrs. S. F. Bennett, a cultivated lady of Asotin, Asotin county, Washington, has been attracted to Punta Gorda by what she read in THE HERALD, and in a note to the editor announces her intention of coming here in the course of a few months. Some of her neighbors may come with her; so, all the better. They will prove a welcome addition to our community. The gates of Punta Gorda stand wide open to all good people.

Hugh M. Comer and wife, of Savannah, are stopping at Hotel Punta Gorda. Mr. Comer was once superintendent of the phosphate works at Hull. His father, who has passed over the great divide, was once president of the Georgia Central Railway.

Doubtless moved by the fact that, on Tuesday the thermometer at Neocate registered 23, at Plant City 24 and at Eustis 26, Mr. William Marshall leaves this week for Chicago to warm up for a week or two, as that town is supposed to be a warm member of municipal circles. Capt. Smoke goes to Nebraska perhaps for similar reasons.

Wauchula Advocate: As a proof that drinking Christmas liquor has little or nothing to do with the killing of snakes, we call attention to the fact that no sea serpents were reported killed at Punta Gorda during the holiday season.

Northwest winds of a decidedly cool temperature prevailed here Sunday and Monday. But when we read in an Ohio paper that they were cutting and putting up ice there ten to twenty inches in thickness, the cause of the chilly winds was explained.

The Schwabns, father and son, with their friend Dr. Williams, have returned from Fort Myers and are stopping at their favorite resort, Hotel Dade. Mrs. Schwabns is expected here this week from Blue Island, Ill.

Mr. A. Roe has added to his line the agency for D. A. Holcomb's eypress tanks, which have an enviable reputation. They are made here by home folks, which is equivalent to saying that home folks and others ought to buy them. Read the change in Mr. Roe's advertisement.

TIME CARDS.

For latest time cards to all points, write to F. M. Jolly, Division Passenger Agent, Jacksonville, or J. A. Taylor, Division Passenger Agent, Tampa.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Phosphate Plant at Hull Partially Destroyed.

About 9 o'clock last Friday morning, the works of the Peace River Phosphate Mining Company at Hull, a few miles up the river from here, took fire from some cause as yet not learned, and were partially consumed.

The part destroyed comprises the washer and dry bins. The battery of boilers, which is a big one, the machine shops and the commissary store with their contents were saved. The boiler room is sheathed with iron and this enabled the men to work the pumps and handle the hose and thus prevent the destruction of the most valuable parts of the property.

The dry bins contained 7,000 tons of phosphate and this is lost. The total loss of buildings, machinery and phosphate in the bins, while heavy, is not thought to amount to the \$200,000 given by the Times-Union and Citizen, for that figure represents very nearly the total value of the plant. Possibly half that estimate would cover the loss, and it is said that there was \$50,000 insurance on the plant and the store. Besides the plant itself, the company owns 29 miles of first-class standard gauge railway with ample rolling stock, and the commissary store on January 1st contained \$15,000 worth of goods.

At the time of the fire, the company had 1400 tons of phosphate afloat, which is doubtless now being loaded on a schooner at the longdock.

The company employs 800 to 400 men and some of these may be laid off while rebuilding is going on. Rebuilding, it is reported, has already commenced.

All the shipping of the company is done here and the men are paid off through the Punta Gorda bank; consequently, the disaster will have some effect on our local business. But the resumption of work, which will take place as speedily as possible, will restore normal conditions and business will suffer no serious results.

The disaster has attracted widespread attention from the fact that the Peace River Phosphate Co. are doubtless the largest miners of people phosphate in the world.

Farmer's County Institute.

The legislature having appropriated \$2,500 to promote work along agricultural lines, Prof. H. E. Stockbridge, of the State Agricultural College, calls on the farmers of each county to get up these gatherings and have speakers talk to them of the benefits arising by the best modes of applying their labor in growing crops. They will cost you nothing. This is what Prof. Stockbridge says: "Under the present plan, your county is entitled to the benefits of the farmers' institute, with the best practical speakers and instructors the State contains, all of the expenses of which are provided for. No State which has once begun this work has ever discontinued it. No county in Florida which has ever had one institute but has demanded more. The improved condition of agriculture in our State and its present prosperity are largely the direct result of these institutes.

"Talk the matter over with your neighbors, and then write to me for full instructions on how to have a Farmers' Institute."

Brilliant Newspaper Man.

Mr. A. P. Jordan, the accomplished editor of the Punta Gorda Herald, was among the many prominent visitors to the city yesterday and made this office an appreciated fraternal call. Mr. Jordan is one of the brainiest and most graceful newspaper writers in Florida, and is making the Herald one of the brightest of the many bright papers of the State.—Tampa Tribune, Jan. 8.

The Tampa Herald wisely suggests that the government better await further developments of the Marconi telegraph system before buying the telegraph lines and giving two per cent government bonds in payment therefor. If the Marconi system is a success, and the indications are that it will be, the telegraph companies now using wires for transmission of messages will have to go out of business. The fact that they are now willing to sell to the government is an indication that Marconi's wireless system will supersede the Morse system.

The Left Over Baby.

A woman went into a big department store and checked her baby while she shopped. When she went to get her baby, she found she had lost her check. The manager said she would have to wait until all the other babies were taken out she could have the one that was left, but the baby left over was a colored baby. This was all right, however, as the woman was colored.—Athens Globe.

Deep Sea Life.

In the abysses of the oceans, below 500 fathoms many animals have other imperfect eyes or none. Their condition in this regard affords a suggestive parallel to that of cave life, and the causes are probably the same. Science is of the opinion that all deep sea life originally emigrated from the shallow.

Macedonia has a population of about 4,000,000. Three-fourths are Christian and one-fourth Turk. Nearly half are of Bulgarian ancestry.

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Seward will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent on footwear. This is what scores of new customers tell us, and they speak the truth. Honest goods at live and live prices is our motto. A new stock of good, durable shoes just opened.

Go to Seward's for fresh, first-class groceries at the lowest possible prices.

Remember, that R. K. Seward is agent for both Mapes' and Wilson & Loomis's fertilizers—best manufactured.

Seward's gents' furnishing department is recognized by all thinking people as a money-saving annex. Here you get regular 50-cent articles for a quarter.

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